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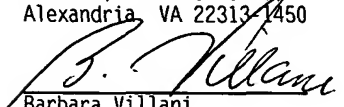
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CAPACITOR AND METHOD
OF PRODUCING SAME


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute amended claims 4-7 and 11 and 12 as follows, and add new claim 19:

4. **(amended)** A solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 2, wherein said non-conductive particles are positioned on the surface of said dielectric layer and in said first electrolyte layer, said second electrolyte layer being formed, whereby said cathode member and said non-conductive particles are not in a direct contact.

5. **(amended)** A solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein said non-conductive particles have an averaged size smaller than an averaged size of particles constituting said cathode member.